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## **By Hand Delivery**

The Honorable Kenneth M. Karas United States District Court Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street, Room 910 New York, New York 10007

> Re: <u>United States v. Wilkens Rivera</u> 06 Cr. 984 (KMK)

ELL SITION

Dear Judge Karas:

The Government respectfully submits this letter to request that tomorrow's 10:30 am conference in the above-captioned matter be adjourned. As the Court is aware, tomorrow's conference was scheduled based on the belief that B. Alan Seidler, Esq., would be retained as counsel by the defendant and would be replacing the defendant's current attorney, Michael Hurwitz, Esq. Mr. Seidler has advised the Government, however, that he has not yet been retained and his appearance in this case remains uncertain. Mr. Hurwitz has also indicated that he is unable to appear tomorrow. Accordingly, the Government would ask that the conference be adjourned until May 31, 2007 at 10:30 am so that the legal representation of the defendant can be resolved. Should this request be granted, the Government would also ask that time under the Speedy Trial Act be excluded until the adjourn date, since the adjournment is required to ascertain who will be serving as the defendant's attorney. Mr. Hurwitz has consented to this request.

Time 14 excluded until 5/3/07

Respectfully submitted,

in the interests of justice for the reasons suppresent / stated in this letter.

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